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REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirements, applicants elect with traverse to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-14. Applicants traverse the requirement since it appears that any search towards the proteins will also uncover compositions containing such and processes of using such compositions. Consequently, it would appear that the examination of Group II and Group III claims along with Group I claims, would not place an undue burden on the office.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's acknowledgement of the consideration of documents submitted with:

- Information Disclosure Statement mailed on March 19, 2001
- Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement mailed on July 23, 2001
- Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement mailed September 14, 2001
- Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement mailed on October 12, 2001
- Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement mailed on May 15, 2002

If a telephone conversation would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the present application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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